



# Thursfield News

## Friday 4th October Edition



*Our Weekly Affirmation: 'My challenges help me to grow.'*

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. As we move further into the autumn term, I would like to update you on some of the exciting activities and key focus areas at Thursfield this week.

In our Thursfield 'Ticket to Anywhere' curriculum, children have continued their learning in Science. In KS1 and LKS2 children have been investigating materials and their properties through practical experiments and in UKS2 children have continued learning about the circulatory system. Next week, children will be moving onto their Geography block.

On Wednesday, we had our annual relaunch of TT Rockstars. The children all looked fabulous in their Rockstar costumes and the school corridors were filled with songs and chants linked to times tables. We encourage children to practice their times tables at home using games, flashcards, quick-fire questions and their Times Table Rockstars logins. Consistent practice makes a significant difference and we are confident that with both home and school efforts combined, our students will achieve great progress.

This week, we started our Special Person Lunch event. This is an opportunity for each child to invite a 'special person' whether it's a parent, grandparent or another significant individual-to join them for lunch at school. It's a wonderful way to give our pupils the chance to share their school experience with someone important in their lives. Lunches are ordered via Arbor.

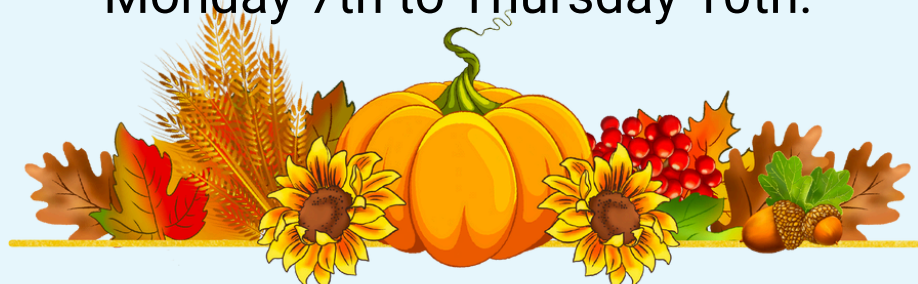
As always, we thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Bradbury

### HARVEST ASSEMBLY & DONATIONS

Thursfield Harvest assembly- Thursday 10th October 9:00am for parents in reception and KS1

Harvest donations for Mow cop food bank- non-perishable items e.g. pasta, rice, cereal, tinned food, packets. Donations to school Monday 7th to Thursday 10th.



### OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meet our School Council Representatives:



Congratulations and we can't wait to hear about your achievements throughout the year!

### CROSS COUNTRY - UPDATE

A superb effort from our Cross Country Team this week resulting in: Girls: Evie 1st, Theah 2nd and Edee 3rd  
Boys: Theo 1st, Cole 4th. An amazing result and a congratulations to the entire team! Your determination was inspiring!

### PTFA - ANNUAL MEETING

Monday 21st October 2:00pm at school- PTFA AGM meeting. All parents welcome.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to get involved in our school community, meet other parents and contribute your ideas and skills to help enhance Thursfield's educational experience. We will be discussing key achievements from the past year, upcoming events and plans for future fundraising initiatives. Whether you're interested in taking on a committee role or simply want to learn more about how you can help. We would love to see you there.

### KEY DATES

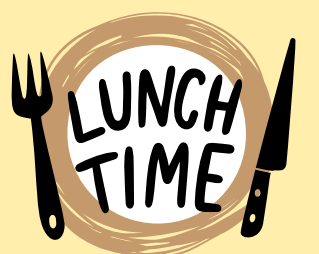


**10th October:** 9:15am Harvest Assembly- Lower school (**Reception and Yr1 & 2**)  
**10th October:** 'Hello Yellow Day' Wear Yellow.  
**Half Term :-** Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November  
**Inset Day:-** Monday 4th November  
**Christmas Break:-** Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

### SPECIAL PERSON LUNCH

1 adult per child

**8th October:** 12:15pm 1M  
**9th October:** 12:15pm 1/2B  
**15th October:** 12:30pm 3RT  
**16th October:** 12:30pm 3/4R  
**17th October:** 12:30pm 4W  
**22nd October:** 12:45pm - 5P  
**23rd October:** 12:45pm - 5/6O  
**24th October:** 12:45pm - 5/6B



### YOUNG VOICES

Young voices 25th February 2025 at the CO-OP Live Manchester- If your child is in Years 4, 5 and 6 and they would like to be part of Thursfield's Young voices choir 2025- then audience tickets for parents and optional T-shirts for pupils are available on Arbor via the school shop.

You do not have to attend the weekly choir club. The experience is truly memorable and a highlight of the school year.

Orders must be made by Monday 21st October.



### Thursfield's Parent Staff Association

## AGM MEETING

It's a new school year and we are brimming with ideas and excitement for 2024/25. Come along and join us for a coffee and a catch up. All welcome, parents, carers, grandparents and staff. Share ideas and help us raise vital funds!

Due to the natural demographic of our school catchment we tend to receive very little additional pupil funding from the government. Therefore almost all enrichment is funded by PSA fundraisers. Your dedicated commitment to supporting our events makes the magic happen and we are grateful for such a supportive community.



October 21st, 2024

2.00 PM

Thursfield Primary School

Bring a friend!

Just show up!



## Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin patch and raffle tickets have been sent home. Please return these to the school office.



## OPAL UPDATES

PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN BRING IN A PAIR OF WELLIES OR OLD TRAINERS FROM NEXT MONDAY. (7TH)

Request for any old saucepans, metal pots and pans/lids to make a musical station on the playground- Please see the image below!

Please place in the box which will be outside the office reception!  
**By the 18th October!**



## HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES & HEALTHY SNACKS

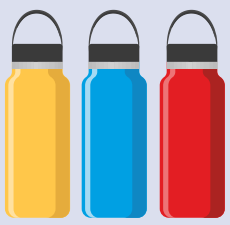
As a school we promote healthy snacks and lunches. Please ensure that your child is bringing a healthy snack to school please.



All snacks and lunches are ordered via Arbor.

## WATER BOTTLES

Please can all children bring a water bottle to school as we are currently providing too many of the single use plastic cups.



To help raise awareness around Mental Health. We are also asking the whole of Thursfield to create at home the following...

THIS THURSDAY **JOIN US IN SAYING**  
**#HelloYellow**

**£1 Donation**

A poster for Early Years  
A poem for KS1 & KS2  
A winner will be selected from each key stage & will receive a goodie bag.

## CLASS OF THE WEEK!

### Reception

For their excellent work in Science this week and their exciting animal visitors.



## GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Science Block

RB - Zayus  
RKT - Ruby M  
Y1M- Brianny M  
Y1/2R - Isabelle F  
Y1/2B - Sonny D

Y3TA- Jaxon G  
Y3/4R - William FC  
Y4W - Bertie T  
Y5P - Oliver K  
Y5/6O - Bella R  
Y5/6B - Archie H

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to 5/60

**100%**

for achieving 100% attendance last week!

## FACEBOOK PAGE

Thursfield has a Facebook page. The purpose of the page is to provide parents with a window in to the school day. To join search Thursfield Primary School.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.

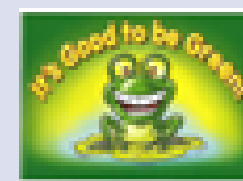
### ARBOR

Please ensure that we have your child's latest contact information including medical information on Arbor. If not please access the App and update.

## GOOD TO BE

### GREEN WINNER

ALFIE SIMM



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER -

DOULTON -

MOORCROFT -

WEDGWOOD -

## STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025?

VISIT US FOR ONE OF OUR OPEN EVENTS

# THURSFIELD'S OPEN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER @ 5:30

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER @ 10:00 - 11:00

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY @ 9:15

Thursfield Primary School,  
Chapel Lane, Harsehead, ST7 4JL  
[www.thursfield.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thursfield.staffs.sch.uk)  
Contact to book your place:  
01782 512301  
[office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk)

# October is walk INTO school MONTH

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.



Discover more at [staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel)



## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity - including, of course, among children and young people - and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different games. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT**  
There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There is also party chat, a group voice conversation, and console party chat which allows gamers to talk to one another on their consoles. There are also text-based chat rooms, which can be accessed from a variety of devices and platforms. These chat rooms can be public or private, and some are moderated by staff or other users.
- BULLYING AND ABUSE**  
While some in-game chat can turn toxic, it's important to remember that not all gamers are bad. In fact, many gamers are very kind and helpful. However, it's important to be aware of the risks of bullying and abuse. This can happen in any online environment, and it's important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of bullying and abuse.
- POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT**  
If a player sends a private message to another player, it's important to be aware that this message is not visible to other players. This means that a player can communicate with another player in a way that is not visible to other players. This can be a risk for private chat, as it can be used to arrange to meet in person or to share sensitive information.
- COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE**  
Some games are very competitive, and this can create a competitive atmosphere. This can lead to players being rude or abusive to one another. It's important to be aware of this and to encourage children to play in a positive and respectful way.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
It's important to be aware that some gamers may be strangers. This means that a child could be talking to someone who they do not know. This can be a risk for contact with strangers, as it can lead to a child being groomed or exploited.
- REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS**  
If a player is being abusive or bullying another player, it's important to report them to the game's moderators. This can help to ensure that the player is removed from the game and that the other player is safe.
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY**  
It's important to have open communication with children about their gaming habits. This means talking to them about the risks of in-game chat and encouraging them to play in a safe and responsible way.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT**  
Many games allow parents or educators to lock down in-game chat. This means that children can only chat with other players who are on their friends list or who are approved by the parent or educator.
- CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS**  
If a child wants to play with friends, it's important to consider other chat options. This could include using a private chat room or a voice chat app that is not integrated into the game.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of Goodson and has been working in the games industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing about about each week, his work has been published at the including the BBC, The Guardian, and many others.

**Wake Up Wednesday**  
The National College

# PTFA

Please find our PTFA's Facebook Page



## Thursfield PTFA Fundraising group >

Public group · 309 members

Manage

Invite

## Pumpkins!

The PTFA are looking for companies or/& individuals that would be able to donate towards our pumpkin patch.

In return we would be happy to advertise your business via our school newsletter.

Any donation no matter what the size would be much appreciated.

Thank you



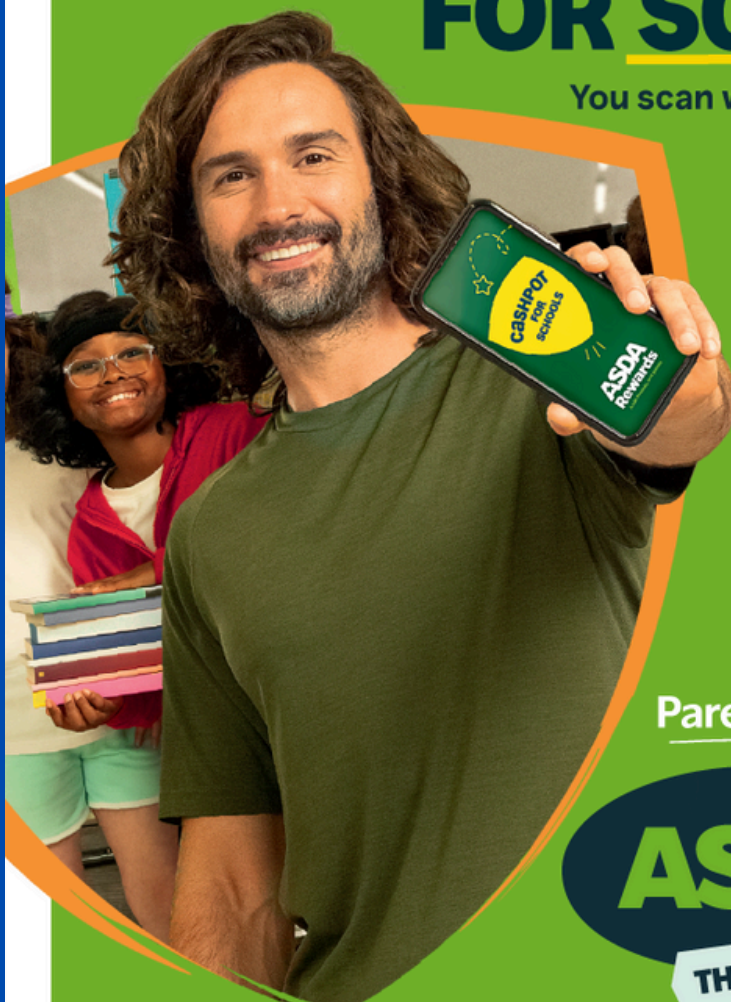
## Upcoming Events...

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

### INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

You scan we donate ££s



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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

## Wreath making class

Monday 25th November 2024

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Step into a professional florist making class the festive season with a delightful hands-on experience at our Fantastic Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop! This enchanting event invites you to craft your very own holiday wreath from scratch, perfect for adorning your front door with a touch of personalized Christmas cheer.  
*Refreshments included.*

**£40 per person**

Adults Only

£10 non-refundable deposit

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